

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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UPDATED

DECISION

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Project agreement with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation under existing 28E agreement.

The Commission is requested to approve a project agreement with Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation using the framework provided in an existing 28E agreement.

Iowa DNR Protected Water Areas program staff needs assistance with non-traditional land protection tools along scenic rivers in the Boone River Protected Water Area pilot project. Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), will provide such assistance. INHF, with DNR input, will develop relationships with landowners leading to conservation easements, preserve dedicated lands, obtain mutual covenants, and use other techniques identified in the Boone River PWA General Management Plan that have not been fully realized. INHF will provide expertise in these areas, will share data, will collaborate with an inter-agency PWA landowners team, and will assist with updating the General Management Plan, originally developed in 1985, incorporating tools and techniques presently available.

The amount of the contract shall not exceed \$37,500 and shall expire December 31, 2009.

Ken Herring, Administrator
Conservation and Recreation Division

November 8, 2007